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SUMMARY: EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS DISCUSS A CODE OF CONDUCT  
AND OTHER POSSIBLE ECONOMIC MEASURES AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA.  
END SUMMARY.

1. CODE OF CONDUCT: EC PRESIDENCY DIRECTOR (DE SCHOUTHEETE)  
TOLD US THAT THE EC POLITICAL DIRECTORS REVIEWED THE

DRAFT CODE OF CONDUCT FOR FIRMS DOING BUSINESS IN SOUTH AFRICA AND SENT THE DOCUMENT BACK TO THE WORKING GROUP FOR FURTHER WORK. THE DRAFT CODE OF CONDUCT WAS AN AMALGAM OF A BELGIAN PRESIDENCY FIRST DRAFT AND A TEXT SUBMITTED BY UK. DE SCHOUTHEETE INDICATED THAT THE CODE WILL BE A SERIES OF "RECOMMENDATIONS" TO FIRMS DOING BUSINESS IN AND WITH SOUTH AFRICA AND WILL BE "NON OBLIGATORY." DE SCHOUTHEETE SAID THAT BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER SIMONET WOULD HAVE SOMETHING TO SAY ABOUT THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN HIS SEPTEMBER 26 PRESIDENCY SPEECH AT THE UNGA. HE EXPECTED THE FINAL DOCUMENT TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS AT THEIR SEPTEMBER 19-20 MEETING.

2. THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS REVIEWED A LIST OF OTHER POSSIBLE ECONOMIC MEASURES TO BE USED AGAINST SOUTH AFRICAN APARTHEID AND SENT THIS PROJECT BACK TO THE WORKING GROUP. DE SCHOUTHEETE SAID HE WAS "NOT OPTIMISTIC" ABOUT AN EC CONSENSUS ON THIS ISSUE, AS THE PROJECT WAS "LESS ADVANCED" THAN THE CODE OF CONDUCT AND THERE WERE "SERIOUS OBSTACLES" IN THE WAY OF FINAL APPROVAL.

3. FINALLY, THE POLITICAL DIRECTORS LOOKED AT THE PRESIDENCY'S FIRST DRAFT OF A GENERAL POLICY STATEMENT FOR ALL OF AFRICA (REQUESTED BY FRG FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER) AND REMANDED THE DOCUMENT TO THE AFRICAN CONFIDENTIAL

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